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111TH CONGRESS  
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## H. RES. \_\_\_\_\_

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require live dissemination on the Internet of all markups of bills and resolutions that are open to the public.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BONO MACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require live dissemination on the Internet of all markups of bills and resolutions that are open to the public.

- 1       *Resolved*, That (a) it is the purpose of this resolution  
2 to—  
3       (1) modernize the operations of the House of Rep-  
4 resentatives using information technology that has trans-  
5 formed and increased the efficiency of many aspects of  
6 American society such as financial services and markets,  
7 transportation, manufacturing, agriculture, and commerce  
8 with consumers and businesses;

1       (2) enhance public participation in American democ-  
2 racy and improve the quality of proposed legislation by  
3 allowing the opportunity for its review by interested citi-  
4 zens; and

5       (3) help restore public trust in government and en-  
6 hance respect for the House of Representatives and the  
7 Congress by ensuring that their operations are conducted  
8 with openness, order, and dignity.

9       (b) clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House  
10 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the  
11 following new subparagraph:

12       “(7) In the case of each meeting of a standing com-  
13 mittee for the markup of bills and resolutions, including  
14 the Committee on Appropriations and any subcommittee  
15 thereof for consideration of a chairman’s mark, that is  
16 open to the public, the committee shall broadcast the  
17 markup in real time on the official public website of the  
18 committee.”.

19       (c) Clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House  
20 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the  
21 following new paragraph:

22       “(q)(1) In the case of any committee or subcommittee  
23 markup that is open to the public, the text of any bill or  
24 resolution under consideration, and any amendments of-  
25 fered thereto, shall be available to the public on the official

1 public website of the committee in a timely manner that  
2 is accessible using existing technology, at no cost, and in  
3 a format that is searchable by text.

4 “(2) As used in paragraph (1), a chairman’s mark  
5 shall be deemed to be a bill for purposes of the Committee  
6 on Appropriations and any subcommittee thereof.”.